				TRANSMITTAL	•			/
APR 2 2 2005	his form, together wit	h applicable f		P.O. Box 1 Alexandria	, Virginia 223			
			or I				***	_
INSTRUCTIONS: This for	m should be used for tran- respondence including the l	smitting the ISSU	E FEE and I	PUBLICATION FEE ((if required). Block	ks 1 through 5	should be completed where	
ndicated unless corrected t	m should be used for tran- respondence including the l below or directed otherwise is.	in Block I, by (a) specifying a	new correspondence	address; and/or (b)	indicating a ser	parate "FEE ADDRESS" for	τ
CURRENT CORRESPONDENC	E ADDRESS (Note: Use Block 1 fbr:	any change of address)		Note: A certifi	icate of mailing ca	n only be used	for domestic mailings of the	-
				ree(s) Imansm	ittal. This certificat	e cannot be used	for any other accompanying	g
75	90 03/23/2005			have its own co	ertificate of mailing	or transmission	nent or formal drawing, mus	it
Mr. Marc Lupien					Certificate of	Mailing or Trac	asmission	
c/o GOUDREAU (I hereby certify	that this Fee(s) T	ransmittal is bei	ng deposited with the United irst class mail in an envelope above, or being facsimile	d
Stock Exchange Tower				addressed to t	he Mail Stop ISS	UE FEE addres	s above, or being facsimile	Č
800 Place Victoria, Suite 3400							date indicated below.	1
Montreal, QC H4Z CANADA	1E9	Ĺ		Gwendo.	line Brune	(Depositor's name)	┫	
CANADA					Shirea		(Signature)	4
				April .	18, 2005		(Date)	
APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	-	FIRST NAMED	INVENTOR	ATTORNE	Y DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.	1
09/900,886	07/10/2001		Gholamabb	- Useriasi				J
·	YSTEM AND METHOD FO	OR THE AUTOMA		CTION OF LINEAR F 01	/25/2005 DEAM EATURES FROM FC:1501 PC:1504	DIGITAL IMAG 1400.00 DA 300.00 DA	071742 ⁵ 89900886 GERY	_
APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FI	EE	PUBLICATION FE	E TOTAL	FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE]
nonprovisional	NO	\$1400)	\$300		\$1700	06/23/2005	
EXAM	INER	ART UN	п	CLASS-SUBCLASS	5			
DESIRE, GR	EGORY M	2625		382-190000				
FR 1.363). Change of correspond Address form PTO/SB/12 "Fee Address" indicate	address or indication of "Fe ence address (or Change of 0 (2) attached. ion (or "Fee Address" Indica or more recent) attached. Use	Correspondence	(1) the nam or agents C (2) the nam registered of 2 registered	ting on the patent front nes of up to 3 registere PR, alternatively, ne of a single firm (hav attorney or agent) and it d patent attorneys or ag ame will be printed.	ed patent attorneys	2	eau Gage Dubuc	-
PLEASE NOTE: Unless	RESIDENCE DATA TO BI an assignee is identified be 37 CFR 3.11. Completion of	low, no assignee of this form is NO	data will appo Fa substitute (ear on the patent. If an		fied below, the	document has been filed for	r .
VERSITE DE SHE	RBROOKE		SHERBRO	OOKE; QUEBEC	CANADA			
ease check the appropriate	assignee category or categor	ies (will not be pri	inted on the pa	ntent): 🔲 Individual	Corporation of	or other private g	roup entity Government	ì
The following fee(s) are			. Payment of I			, , , , , , , ,		•
Issue Fee		<u>_</u>	A check is	n the amount of the fee	(s) is enclosed.			
				by credit card. Form PT	O-2038 is attached	i.	*	
Advance Order - # of	Copies		The Direct	tor is hereby authorized that Number 07-1	ed by charge the re	equired fee(s), or	r credit any overpayment, to copy of this form).	•
Change in Entity Status	(from status indicated above))						•
<u> </u>	MALL ENTITY status. Sec 3			ant is no longer claimin				•
OTE: The Issue Fee and Precest as shown by the reco	is requested to apply the Issu ablication Fee (if required) wards of the United States Pate	ill not be accepted at and Trademark	from anyone Office.	other than the applican	t; a registered attor	ney or agent; or	ation identified above. the assignee or other party in	98800660
Authorized Signature	Prinea	u	_	Date	<u>April 18</u>	. 2005		966(
			55,916					
is collection of information application. Confidentialing mitting the completed applications and/or suggestions x 1450, Alexandria, Virgina 2231 L.	GWENDOLINE BRUN In is required by 37 CFR 1.31 by is governed by 35 U.S.C. plication form to the USPTO for reducing this burden, sh nia 22313-1450. DO NOT S 1450. ion Act of 1995, no persons	1. The information 122 and 37 CFR 10. Time will vary ould be sent to the EEND FEES OR C	n is required to 1.14. This coll depending up to Chief Inform COMPLETED	o obtain or retain a bean ection is estimated to to on the individual case, ation Officer, U.S. Pate FORMS TO THIS AD	efit by the public wake 12 minutes to of Any comments on the cart and Trademark DRESS. SEND TO	hich is to file (ar complete, includi the amount of t Office, U.S. Dep D: Commissioner	nd by the USPTO to processing gathering, preparing, and ime you require to complete partment of Commerce, P.O. for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,	005 SDIRET 0087 071742
der the Paperwork Reduct	ion Act of 1995, no persons	are required to res	pond to a colle	ection of information ur	ıless it displays a v	alid OMB contro	ol number.	200
OL-85 (Rev. 12/04) Appr	oved for use through 04/30/2	2007.	OMB 065				RTMENT OF COMMERCE	Date: 09/20 DEMMANU2 00
0/2005 SDIRETA2 00		00886						ent
	.00 DA .00 DA	F	BEST	AVAILAB	LE COP	Υ		115 tmt 125/20

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No: GB/10847.321

Applicant:

Gholamabbas Hemiari et al.

Serial:

09/900,886

Filed:

07/10/2001

Group Art Unit::

2625

Examiner:

Desire, Gregory M.

Title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC

EXTRACTION OF LINEAR FEATURES FROM DIGITAL

IMAGERY

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Office of Finance Fax: 571-273-6500

Sirs:

A fee of 500.00 USD was charged to deposit account 07-1742 on March 17, 2005 under fee code 2201 for independent claims in excess of three. The above application has only two independent claims. Please find enclosed a listing of the claims as of March 17, 2005.

A utility issue fee of 1,400.00 USD for large entity was charged to deposit account 07-1742 on April 25, 2005. The Assignee of this application, Université de Sherbrooke, being an institution of higher education, claimed small entity status under 37CFR 1.28. Please find enclosed the document where the small entity box was checked.

Therefore, please credit our deposit account 07-1742 in the amount of 1,200.00 USD.

Respectfully submitted,

July 29, 2005

Gwendoline Bruneau Reg. Nº 55,916

Gwendoline Bruneau
GOUDREAU GAGE DUBUC
3400 Stock Exchange Tower
P O Box 242, 800 Place Victoria
Montreal (Quebec) Canada H4Z 1E9
Telephone: (514) 397-5195
E-mail gbruneau@ggd.com

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Our File:

10857.321 GB/al

Applicant:

Gholamabbas Hemiari et al.

Serial No.:

09/900,886

Filed:

07/10/2001

Group Art Unit

2625

Examiner:

Desire, Gregory M.

Title:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXTRACTION OF

LINEAR FEATURES FROM DIGITAL IMAGERY

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on September 23,2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on December 23, 2004, with a possible additional three-month (3) extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1, 5-9, 13-15 have been amended, and claims 2-4 and 10-12 have been withdrawn as follows: <u>Underlines</u> indicate insertions and strikeouts indicate deletions.

1. (Currently amended) A method for the extraction of linear features from digital imagery, comprising the steps of:

providing a digital image;

providing a multi-layer database;

initializing a parameter domain;

successively applying the a_Radon transform on each position in the parameter domain;

for each position in the parameter domain:

finding the coordinates of the <u>a</u> nearest pixel in the digital image; determining the <u>a</u> numerical value of the found nearest pixel;

and

populating the layers of the provided multi-layer database in accordance with the determined numerical value of the found nearest pixel;

analysing the data of the <u>multi-layer</u> database <u>for linear features</u>; and generating an output image by restoring the <u>lines</u> detected <u>linear</u> <u>features</u> in the analysing step.;

wherein said step of providing a multi-layer database includes providing a multilayer database having at least five layers: a first layer used to contain coordinates of zero value pixels; a second layer used to contain coordinates of non-zero value pixels; a third layer used to contain values of the non-zero value pixels; a

fourth layer used to contain the values of the zero value pixels, and a fifth layer used to contain an accumulation of the non-zero pixel values.

- 2. (Withdrawn) A method for the extraction of linear features as resited in claim 1, wherein the multi-layer database providing step includes providing a multi-layer database having at least three layers; a first layer used to contain the coordinates of the zero value pixels; a second layer used to contain the coordinates of the non-zero value pixels and a third layer used to contain the values of the non-zero value pixels.
- 3. (Withdrawn) A method for the extraction of linear features as resited in claim 2, wherein, in said populating step:

the coordinates of the found pixel are stored in the first layer when the numerical value of the pixel is found to be zero:

the coordinates of the found pixel are stored in the second layer when the numerical value of the pixel is found to be non-zero;

the numerical value of the non zero pixels is stored in the third layer.

- 4. (Withdrawn) A method for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim 1, wherein the multi-layer database providing step includes providing a multi-layer database having at least five layers; a first layer used to contain the coordinates of the zero value pixels; a second layer used to contain the coordinates of the non-zero value pixels; a third layer used to contain the values of the non-zero value pixels; a fourth layer used to contain the values of the zero value pixels and a fifth layer used to contain the accumulation of the non-zero pixel values.
- 5. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> method for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim 4 1, wherein, in said step of populating step the layers of the multi-layer database comprises:

storing the coordinates of the found nearest pixel are stored in the first layer when the numerical value of the nearest pixel is found to be below a predetermined threshold;

storing the coordinates of the found nearest pixel are stored in the second layer when the numerical value of the nearest pixel is found to be above the predetermined threshold;

storing the a numerical value of the pixels having a value which is above the predetermined threshold is stored in the third layer;

storing the a numerical value of the pixels having a value which is below the predetermined threshold is stored in the fourth layer; and

storing the an accumulation of the numerical value of the pixels that have a numerical value which is above the predetermined threshold is stored in the fifth layer.

- 6. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> method for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim 1, wherein said data analysing step of analysing the data of the multi-layer database includes the substep of finding the endpoints of each linear feature to be extracted.
- 7. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> method for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of storing the endpoints found in a database which is used in the output image generating said step of generating the output image.
- 8. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> method for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of providing the <u>a</u> minimum and <u>a</u> maximum length of the <u>linear features</u> to be detected.
- 9. (Currently amended) A system for the extraction of linear features from a digital image and for generating a corresponding output image, comprising:
- a controller provided with an input designed to receive a digital Image and an output designed to provide a corresponding output image; said controller containing a multi-layer database; said controller being so configured as to:

initialize the a discrete parameter domain;

successively apply a Radon transform on each position in the parameter domain;

for each position in the parameter domain:

find the coordinates of the a nearest pixel in the digital image;

determine the a numerical value of the found nearest pixel; and

populate the layers of the previded multi-layer database in

accordance with the determined numerical value of the found nearest pixel;

analyse the data of the multi-laver database to detect linear features; and

generate an output image by restoring the lines detected <u>linear</u> features in the analysing-step.

wherein the multi-layer database includes at least five layers: a first layer used to contain coordinates of zero value pixels; a second layer used to contain coordinates of non-zero value pixels; a third layer used to contain values of the non-zero value pixels; a fourth layer used to contain values of the zero value pixels, and a fifth layer used to contain an accumulation of the non-zero pixel values.

- 10. (Withdrawn) A system for the extraction of linear features as resited in claim 9, wherein the multi-layer database includes at least three layers; a first layer used to contain the coordinates of the zero value pixels; a second layer used to contain the coordinates of the non-zero value pixels and a third-layer-used to contain the values of the non-zero value pixels.
- 11. (Withdrawn) A system for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim 10, wherein, when populating the database, the controller is so configured as to:

store-the coordinates of the found-pixel in the first layer when the numerical value of the pixel is found to be zero;

store the coordinates of the found-pixel in the second-layer when the numerical value of the pixel is found to be non-zero;

store the numerical value of the non-zero pixels in the third layer.

12. (Withdrawn) A system for the extraction of linear-features as recited in claim 9, wherein the multi-layer database includes at least five layers; a first layer used to contain the coordinates of the zero value pixels; a second layer

used to contain the seordinates of the non-zero value pixels; a third-layer used to contain the values of the non-zero value pixels; a fourth layer used to contain the values of the zero value pixels and a fifth layer used to contain the accumulation of the non-zero pixel values.

13. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> system for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim <u>9</u> 12, wherein, when populating the <u>layers of the multi-layer</u> database, the controller is so configured as to:

store the coordinates of the found nearest pixel in the first layer when the numerical value of the nearest pixel is found to be below a predetermined threshold:

store the coordinates of the found nearest pixel in the second layer when the numerical value of the <u>nearest</u> pixel is found to be above the predetermined threshold;

store the <u>a</u> numerical value of the pixels having a value which is above the predetermined threshold in the third layer;

store the \underline{a} numerical value of the pixels having a value which is below the predetermined threshold in the fourth layer; and

store the an accumulation of the numerical value of the pixels that have a numerical value which is above the predetermined threshold in the fifth layer.

- 14. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> system for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim 9, further comprising an output device connected to said output of said controller to receive the output image generated by said controller.
- 15. (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> system for the extraction of linear features as recited in claim 9, further comprising an input device connected to said input of said controller to supply the digital image to the controller.

-7-

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 to 9, and 13 to 15 remain in the case.

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of the foregoing amendments are requested. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended in view of the Office Action and to better define what the Applicants consider their invention, as fully supported by an enabling disclosure. Claims 2-4 and 10-12 have been withdrawn and the remaining claims have been amended to correct clerical errors.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 6-11 and 14-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, first paragraph as being unpatentable over Maruo (6,259,809) in view of Bergman et al. (6,529,916). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

Although Applicant believes that neither Maruo (6,259,809) nor Bergman et al. (6,529,916), alone or in combination, teach or even hint at a method as recited in the claims as examined, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicant rewrites claims 4 and 12 as independent claims by incorporating the subject matter thereof in claims 1 and 9 respectively, and withdraws claims 2 to 4 and 10 to 12. Applicant consequently amends claims 5 and 13 to correct claim dependencies.

In view of the above and foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraws his rejection of claims 1-2, 6-11 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Applicant further amends the claims to correct clerical errors.

-8-

The rejections of the original claims are believed to have been overcome by the present amendment. From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge deposit account no. 07-1742 for any deficiencies or overages in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

GOUDREAU GAGE DUBUC

Jean H. Dubuc Reg. No. 26,374

Date: December 14, 2004

From-GOUDREAU GAGE DUBUC

PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL

Complete and send this form, together wit		Mail Stop ISSUE FEE. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 (703) 746-4000					
	TOOL TO	or Fax	LICATION REBUT THE	ired Blocks I through 5 4	hould be completed where		
INSTRUCTIONS. This form should be used for true appropriate. All further correspondence meluding the indicated unless correspondence meluding the indicated unless corrected below or directed otherwise mannerance for nonfleatures.		sbeciling a us-	on of maintenance lees v	vill be mailed to the current and/or (b) indicating a sepa	correspondence eldress as trate "FEE ADDRESS" for		
CLRAINT CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS (Ness: Line Block PM	sul cirelic of section)	Note: A certificate of mailing can only be used for domestic mailings of the fec(s) Transminal. This certificate cannot be used for any other accompanying papers. Each additional paper, such as an assignment or formal drawing, must have in own certificate of mailing or maismission.					
7590 03/23/2005			_				
Mr. Marc Lupien c/o GOUDREAU GAGE DUBUC Stock Exchange Tower			I hereby certify that if States Postal Service addressed to the Ma transmitted to the USI	refficate of Mailing or Trans has Peols) Transminds as bein with sufficient postage for fix il Stop ISSUB FEB address TO (703) 746-4000, on the o	a doposited with the United it class mail in an envelope above, or being facsimile late indicated below.		
800 Place Viciona, Suite 3400	Gwendoline	(Depositors thint)					
Montreal, QC H4Z 1E9 CANADA	Chineau						
ruinhu				2005	(Duly)		
			LANGE TA CELL	ATTORNBY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO		
APPLICATION NO FILING DATE		BUT NAMED IN			5875		
09/900,886 07/10/2001			Cholamabbas Hemiari ML/10857,321				
TITLE OF INVENTION. SYSTEM AND METHOD I	or the automa	TIĆ EXTRACT	ion of Linear Featu	RES FROM DIGITAL IMAG			
APPEN, TYPE SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE PE	£	PUBLICATION PRE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE		
nonprovisional NO	\$1400		\$300	\$1700	06/23/200\$		
EXAMINER	ART UN	TF .	CLASS-SUBCLASS	_	;		
DESIRE, GREGORY M	2625		382-190000				
1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "CFR 1.163). Change of correspondence address (or Change of Address form PTO/SB/122) attached. Per Address indension (or "For Address" ind PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or more recent) attached in Number is required.	2. For printing on the putent front page, her (1) the names of up to 3 registered patent strongers or agond OR, successively, (2) the name of a single firm (having as a morpher a registered anomery of agent) and the names of up to 2 registered anomery of agent anomers or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed.						
	BE PRINTED ON T	THE PATENT (west or sweet		document has been filed for		
3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO PLEASE NOTE: Unices on assignee is identified recordation as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11. Completic	below, no essignee in of this form is NO	L 9 emparimie im que sell abber	tigging su sestimment to our the bracks: It am ever	Rose 13 (detratited polon, die	the name and the control of		
(a) name of assignee	(E	•	(CITY and STATE OR C	•			
NIVERSITE DE SHERBROOKE		•	OKE, QUEBEC CA		п. По		
Please check the appropriate assigner category of cate	garies (will not be p	nated on the pas		Corporation or other private	Enough entitly 7-1 document		
c following for(s) are enclosed:	4	b, Paymont of F	X(6):				
ABISNIC Fee		O Promotin	the amount of the fee(s) is	138 is attached			
Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted)			Payment by credus card. Form PTO-2038 is stratched The Director is heroby suchoraged by charge the required flows), or credit any overtrayment, to				
Advance Order - # of Copies		Deposit Acco	mt Number _07-174	(cheloss an ever	copy of this form).		
 Change in Entity Status (from status indicated an Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. 	ove) se 37 CFR 1.27.	D. Applica	n 18 no longer chimnes S.b	IALL ENTITY status. See 17	CFR 1.27(g)(2).		
The Director of the USPTO is requested to apply the NOTE: The Issue For and Publication Foe (if require interest as shown by the records of the United States.	Laue For and Public d) will not be accept Patent and Trademar	ation For (if any od from anyone k Office.) or to re-spply any provid- other than the applicant, a t	refracted amounts of spent, o	the sesignor or other party in		
Authorized Signature		nm Anril 18, 2005					
CUICATION TAKE RI	DUNGALI		Regional	55,916			
This collection of information is required by 37 CFB an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U. submitting the completed application form to the Ut this form and/or suggestions for reducing this bundle form and/or suggestions for reducing this bundle.	1 111. The informat S.C. 122 and 37 CFF SFTO. Time will van In should be sent to to OT SEND FERS OR	ion is required to 1.1.14. Thus coll y depending up he Chief laterin COMPLETED	o obtain or remin a benefit ection in estimated to take on the individual case. An ation Officer, U.S. Parent FORMS TO THIS ADDR	by the public which is to file (12 minutes to complete, included y comments on the amount of had Trademark Office, U.S. I. ESS SEND TO: Commission s tt displays a valid OMB com-	(and by the UEFTO to process) sing gathering, propuring, and f time you require to complete leparament of Commone, F.O. act for Patenta, F.O. Box 1450, act of patenta, P.O. Box 1450, act of patenta, P.O. Box 1450,		

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collocuou of information unless it displays a valid CMB control number PTOL-85 (Rev. 12/04) Approved for use through 04/30/2007.

OMB 0651-0033 U.S. Percent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PAGE 11/11 * RCVD AT 7/29/2005 11:07:22 AM [Eastern Daylight Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-6/31 * DNIS:2736500 * CSID:+15143974382 * DURATION (mm-ss):03-36



Visit our web site www.ggd.com

GENERAL PARTNERSHIP PATENT AND TRADEMARK AGENTS

STOCK EXCHANGE TOWER SUITE 3400, P.O. BOX 242 800 PLACE-VICTORIA MONTREAL QUESEC CANADA H4Z 1E9 TELEPHONE (514) 397-7802 TELECOPIER (514) 397-4382

July 29, 2005

TELECOPY

TO.

Office of Finance

FIRM:

USPTO

FAX:

1-571-273-6500

Y/FILE.

09/900,886

FROM:

GWENDOLINE BRUNEAU

TELEPHONE:

(514) 397-5195

O/FILE:

GB/10847.321

TOTAL PAGES:

11 (including this one)

MESSAGE

MISE EN GARDE CONCERNANT LA CONFIDENTIALITE - CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE MINE EN HARDE CONCERNANT LA CONFIDENTIALITE - CUNFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

Cette communication est confidentielle et transmise sous le sceau du secret professionnel. Si vous n'être pas le destiname visé ou son mandanire, vous être par la présente avisé qu'il est expressement interdit d'en dévoiler la teneur, de la copier, de la distribuer ou de prendre quelque mesure fondée sur l'information qui y est contenue. Si vous avez reçu cette communication par effet, veuillez nous en aviser immédiatement par téléphone à frais virés et nous retournet l'original, sans tirer of garder de copie, enteur, veuillez nous en aviser immédiatement par téléphone à frais virés et nous retournet l'original, sans tirer of garder de copie, par le poste à l'adresse d'indesseus.

This communication is confidential and subject to lawyer-client privilege. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying or distribution of this communication or the taking of any action in reliance on its contents is prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone (call collect) and mail profits the received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone (call collect) and mail

PAGE 1/11 * RCVD AT 7/29/2005 11:07:22 AM [Eastern Daylight Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-6/31 * DNIS:2736500 * CSID:+15143974382 * DURATION (mm-ss):03-36

This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning Operations and is not part of the Official Record

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

D	efects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:
	☐ BLACK BORDERS
	☐ IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
	☐ FADED TEXT OR DRAWING
	☐ BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING
	☐ SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
	☐ COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS
	☐ GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS
	☐ LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
	☐ REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

□ OTHER:

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.